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Application No. 10/681,499

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Reese, Jr. et al.

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For: AIRCRAFT CANOPY JETTISON APPARATUS WITH AIRBAG | Examiner: Lulit Semunegus

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated June 18, 2004, the applicant hereby requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1, 2, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Jahsman et al. (U.S. 5,954,296). Claims 3-5 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Jahsman et al. Finally, claims 6-8 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Jahsman et al. in view of Pendergast et al. (U.S. 3,885,761).

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REMARKS

Applicants provide the following remarks to respectfully traverse the above referenced rejections. Claims 1, 2, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Jahsman et al. (U.S. 5,954,296). Specifically, the examiner states that Jahsman et al. discloses an apparatus and method for removing a canopy from a cockpit of an aircraft comprising providing an airbag in the cockpit adjacent to the canopy, inflating the airbag inherently by initiating the airbag, and, as the airbag inflates,